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Panther Sports News

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PREVIEWING THE WEEK (April 8-15)

Wednesday, April 8 Baseball at Indiana State
Softball at Northwestern

Thursday, April 9 WOMEN'S TENNIS HOSTS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (3:00, WELLER)
Men's Tennis at Evansville

Friday, April 10 SOFTBALL HOSTS INDIANA STATE (2:30, Lantz Field)

Saturday, April 11 SOFTBALL HOSTS ILLINOIS STATE (2:30, Lantz Field)
MEN'S TENNIS HOSTS IUPUI-INDIANAPOLIS (11:00, Weller)
Baseball at Southwest Missouri
Men's & Women's Track at Dogwood Relays (Knoxville, TN)

Sunday, April 12 Baseball at Southwest Missouri

Tuesday, April 14 Softball at Southern Illinois
Women's Tennis at Bradley

Wednesday, April 15 MEN'S TENNIS HOSTS ILLINOIS STATE (3:00, Weller Courts)
Baseball at Illinois State

REVIEWING THE WEEKEND (April 4-5)

BASEBALL

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Panthers were 4-4 this past week and now are 15-9-1 overall . . . EIU defeated MacMurray, 12-10 and 13-3; lost to Bradley, 4-2, 11-5; split four games with Purdue losing 12-3 and 7-6 and winning 10-9 and 10-5.

UPCOMING GAMES: Eastern will play at Indiana State on Wednesday (4/8) and then have an important AMCU-8 conference series at Southwest Missouri with doubleheaders on Saturday (4/11) and Sunday (4/12).

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS (BUFFALO GROVE): TIM BOGAR, sophomore infielder, leads the team with a .427 average and six homers . . . he has 18 RBIs, 32 hits in 75 at-bats and has scored 24 runs.

JOLIET (CATHOLIC): RICK STERIOTI, senior infielder, is batting .410, second highest team average . . . he leads with 34 hits and 26 runs scored.

DANVILLE (OLNEY CC): SHANNON COPPELL, junior outfielder, hit a two out three run homer in the final inning to give the Panthers a 10-9 win over Purdue Sunday . . . COPPELL is batting .366 with a team high 23 RBIs.

OAK LAWN (MORAIN VALLEY CC): MIKE DIBENEDETTO, junior pitcher, picked up his first win of the season, 10-5, over Purdue in the nightcap of Sunday's doubleheader . . . he has the team's best ERA at 2.31 giving up just six earned runs in 23 1/3 innings.

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NAPERVILLE (CENTRAL): MIKE DEESE, freshman pitcher, is 3-1 with a 2.73 ERA and 23 strikeouts in 26 2/3 innings.

GLENVIEW (MAINE EAST): JIM PRIMIS, senior lefthanded pitcher, has the team's best W-L mark at 4-1 with a 4.76 ERA. .. he also has two saves so has been a key figure in six of EIU's 15 wins.

MEN'S TRACK

WEEKEND RESULTS: The Panthers competed in the non-scoring seven team Illinois State Invitational.

UPCOMING MEET: EIU will travel to Knoxville, TN to compete in the Dogwood Relays (4/10-11) at the University of Tennessee.

OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST: DAN MATAS, senior weightman, won the shot put with a personal best of 56-1 1/2 inches, took third in the hammer at 157-10 and fourth in the discus at 155-5.

SESSOR (NIANTIC-HARRISTOWN): JAY FLATT, senior weightman, won the hammer in 160-10 and took third in the discus in 156-9.

BERWYN (MORTON WEST): JEFF GENNARELLI, junior weightman, was second in the shotput at 54-8 and fourth in the hammer at 157-10.

KANKAKEE: ROD FERGUSON, sophomore hurdler/sprinter, was second in the 100 dash in 10.4, tied for third in the 200 at 21.9 and ran a leg on the second place 400 meter relay.

QUINCY: ROBERT FLOT, sophomore hurdler, was second in the 110 hurdles in 14.5.

CHICAGO (WRIGHT JC): DARNELL THOMPSON, junior sprinter, tied for third in the 200 dash in 21.9, was fourth in the 100 in 10.7 and ran a leg on the second place 400 meter relay.

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

LAST WEEK'S RESULT: The Lady Panthers competed at the SEMO Relays at Cape Girardeau, MO on Friday and Saturday.

UPCOMING MEET: EIU will compete in the Dogwood Relays on Saturday (April 11) at Knoxville, TN.

BELLEVILLE (O'FALLON HS): Sophomore Kristi Baum took top honors in the javelin with a personal-best throw of 142-7 1/2. She was second in the discus at 134-11 1/2.

CHICAGO (SOUTH SHORE): Senior Valeta Strickland captured second place in the shot put with a toss of 38-2.

SOFTBALL

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Lady Panthers began their quest for a second consecutive Gateway Conference crown with four victories over Drake and Northern Iowa. Eastern beat Drake 6-0 in 10 innings and 11-1 in five innings on Friday and defeated Northern Iowa 5-0 and 2-1 on Saturday. EIU began its six-game road trip with a 3-0 loss and a 1-all tie at Iowa on Thursday.

UPCOMING GAMES: Eastern, 8-5-1 through its first 14 games, made its home debut on Monday (April 6) against DePaul in a non-conference double-header. The Lady Panthers host No. 17 Indiana on Tuesday (April 7) in a non-conference double-header before traveling to No. 12 Northwestern on Wednesday (April 8) for a non-conference double-header. EIU then hosts defending Gateway Conference Tournament champion Indiana State on Friday (April 10) at 2:30 p.m. in a double-header. Illinois State, ranked 14th in the nation and the regular-season league co-champion along with Eastern a year ago, will be at Lantz Field on Saturday (April 11) for a 2:30 p.m. double-header.

COACH JANET MARQUIS SAYS: "We looked super at Drake and Northern Iowa. . . Zam (Mogill) pitched well in all four games, and Angel (Lendvay) began to show what she's capable of again. . . We wanted to get off to a good start in the conference, and we did. . . This coming week we face a very tough schedule, with three teams ranked in the top 20 in the nation."

STREATOR: Junior right-hander Zam Mogill allowed just one earned run in 41 innings against Iowa, Drake and Northern. She was 7-3 with a 0.58 earned run average prior to this week's action. Mogill had 60 strikeouts and 20 walks in 84 innings and had pitched 11 complete games.

MUNDELEIN: Junior outfielder Angel Lendvay drove in seven runs in six games last week after getting off to a slow start because of a separated shoulder. Lendvay had seven hits in her first 28 at-bats for a .250 batting average and eight runs batted in.

WAYNE CITY: Junior second baseman-pitcher Sara Karcher was leading the Lady Panthers with 14 hits, 13 runs and five doubles after 14 games. Karcher was batting .326 and had four RBIs. A right-hander, she had a 1-2 record and 1.17 earned run average prior to this week's action.

BARRINGTON (LINCOLN JC): Senior outfielder Ellen Castleman was batting .379, with 11 hits in 29 at-bats in her first 14 games. Castleman had also scored three runs and stolen two bases.

NAPERVILLE (BARRINGTON HS/LINCOLN JC): Senior first baseman Steff Spooner was batting .286, with 12 hits in 42 at-bats in her first 14 games. Spooner also had seven RBIs and five doubles. She had handled 84 chances flawlessly for a 1.000 fielding percentage.

ST. JOSEPH (S.J.-OGDEN): Senior outfielder Cindy Streid was batting .304, with seven hits in 23 at-bats after appearing in 11 games. Streid had driven in two runs.

EAST PEORIA (ACADEMY OF OUR LADY): Freshman catcher Lisa Bourazak was batting .296, with eight hits in 27 at-bats after appearing in 11 games. Bourazak had scored five runs and driven in two.

MEN'S TENNIS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS: The Panthers defeated Association of Mid-Continent Universities Conference rival Western Illinois 5-4 on Saturday at Weller Courts after losing 5-4 to Northeast Missouri State earlier in the day. EIU lost 9-0 to Bradley at home on Friday.

UPCOMING MATCHES: Eastern, 4-7, plays at Evansville on Thursday (April 9) before hosting Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis at 11 a.m. on Saturday (April 11) at Weller Courts.

COACH JOHN BENNETT SAYS: "We're improving. . . This weekend was good for the others to show that they can play after being moved up in the lineup. . . (John) Suter played well, winning his match against Western and taking his other two opponents to three sets. . . (Eric) Laffey also had some good scores against some tough competition."

BLOOMINGTON: Senior Eric Laffey won his match against Northeast Missouri State and improved his record to 6-5 in singles, including 4-4 at No. 1. Laffey won his No. 2 doubles match against Western to boost his mark to 6-4.

NORMAL (UNIVERSITY): Freshman Jeff Brumleve made his return a triumphant one as he won his only match, a victory at No. 4 singles against Northeast Missouri State. Brumleve, who has a 3-3 record after playing at Nos. 2, 3 and 4 in singles, had missed several matches because of a pulled back muscle. Brumleve has a 2-2 record at No. 1 doubles and a 1-0 record at No. 3 doubles.

SPRINGFIELD: Senior John Suter won his match against Western at No. 3 singles to improve his record to 3-8 overall. Suter, who has played Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in singles, has a combined 4-7 record at No. 1 doubles between three partners.

FRANKFORT (LINCOLN-WAY): Senior Don Carstens won twice at No. 6 singles against Northeast Missouri State and Western to improve his record to 5-4 overall and 4-1 at No. 6 singles. Carstens was victorious in his No. 3 doubles match against Northeast to up his record to 2-3 at that position and 3-6 overall.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

LAST WEEK'S RESULT: The Lady Panthers lost 9-0 against Gateway Conference rival Indiana State in their home opener on Thursday at Weller Courts.

UPCOMING MATCHES: Eastern, 0-8, plays at Illinois State on Tuesday (April 7) before another league opponent, Southern Illinois, comes to Weller Courts on Thursday (April 9) at 3 p.m.

COACH GRANT ALEXANDER SAYS: "We need to win the big points and adjust better to play during the match."

SHERMAN (WILLIAMSVILLE HS): Sophomore Angel Hoffek has a 6-2 overall singles record, including a 5-2 mark at No. 6. Hoffek lost her lone doubles match.

BELLEVILLE (EAST): Sophomore Beth Stuckey and freshman Gretchen Fagen HOMEWOOD (MARIAN CATHOLIC) have a 6-2 record at No. 3 doubles. Stuckey is 1-7 overall, mostly at No. 4 singles. Fagen is 2-6 overall, mostly at No. 5 singles.